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NOTE FOR: SA/DCI/IA

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SUBJECT: Thoughts on S. 1787 -- Senator Biden's Drug Tsar Bill

1. As you know, Congress recently passed a bill with a "drug tsar" provision in H.R. 3963, the National Narcotics Act of 1982. At that time the Director of Central Intelligence expressed concern that the provision creating a "drug tsar" was ambiguously defined. A copy of this views letter is attached for your reference.

2. It is the view of our Office that provisions in pending legislation creating a "drug tsar" with authority to coordinate collection and dissemination of information concerning illegal drugs could seriously impact the Director's ability to coordinate intelligence related activities as he is charged to do under current Executive Order 12333 and by National Security Council Intelligence Directive 1.

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Attachment